

PEREGRINE GARDNER.

DECEMBER 21, 1831,

Report against to lie.

JANUARY 3, 1832,

Committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. PATTON, from the Committee of Claims, made the following

REPORT:

The Committee of Claims, to which was referred the petition of Peregrine Gardner, report:

That the petitioner states, that, during the late war between this country and Great Britain, viz. in December, 1813, when the Niagara frontier was invaded by the British forces, he volunteered his services to defend said frontier, and served as a major in the regiment of volunteer militia of the State of New York, which was commanded by Colonel Samuel Blakesly; that, while engaged in battle with the enemy at Black Rock, he was wounded, and taken prisoner, with his horse and military equipments, saddle, bridle, sword, and spurs, which were worth together the sum of \$172; all of which he lost, and has never received any compensation for the same.

He asks that a law may be made, providing a compensation for said articles so lost. The facts are fully established by the evidence; but the committee are of opinion that they constitute no ground of claim against the Government, and that the petitioner is not entitled to relief.

This case was referred to the committee at the 1st Session 21st Congress, and a report against allowing the claim was made, and may be found in Vol. 7, manuscript reports, page 290, to which the committee refer, and make the same a part of this report.

The committee move the following resolution:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner ought not to be granted.

